

IN THE MATTER OF

LOVE IRELAND

APPLICANT

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BEFORE THE

STATE BOARD OF

PHARMACY

CASE NO. PT-10-004

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**FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF THE
APPLICATION FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION**

On or about January 22, 2009, the Applicant, Love Ireland, submitted an application to become registered as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech). On or about June 12, 2009, the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") received notification that the Applicant had been terminated from WalMart Pharmacy in Baltimore for stealing drugs from her employer.

On August 13, 2010, the Board issued a Notice of Initial Denial of Registration as a Pharm Tech, informing the Applicant that she had thirty (30) days to request a hearing in writing. More than thirty (30) days have elapsed and the Applicant has failed to request a hearing.

BASIS FOR DENIAL OF A PHARM TECH REGISTRATION

The Board, pursuant to the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. ("H.O.") § 12-101, *et seq.*, 2009 Repl. Vol.), hereby notifies the Applicant of the Board's intent to initially deny the Applicant's application for a Pharm Tech registration for violation of the following provisions of the Act:

- (b) Subject to the hearing provision of § 12-315 of this title, the Board may deny a pharmacy technician's registration to any applicant, reprimand a registered pharmacy technician, place any pharmacy technician's registration on probation, or suspend or revoke a pharmacy technician's registration if the applicant or pharmacy technician registrant:

- (22) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been found guilty of, a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether:
 - (i) An adjudication of guilt or sentencing or imposition of sentence is withheld; or
 - (ii) Any appeal or other proceeding is pending regarding the matter;
- (23) Violates any provision of this title;
- (24) Is disciplined by a licensing, registering, or disciplinary authority of any state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes[;].

12-6B-02. Qualifications.

- (a) To qualify for registration an applicant shall be an individual who:
- (b) The applicant shall:
 - (1) Be of good moral character;

BASES OF DENIAL

The Board bases its decision to initially deny the registration to practice as a pharmacy technician to the Applicant on the foregoing reasons which the Board has reason to believe are true:

1. On or about January 22, 2009, the Applicant applied for a registration to become a Pharm Tech. On or about June 22, 2009, she was informed that her application was incomplete.
2. By letter dated June 12, 2009, Wal Mart informed the Board that it had terminated the Applicant from its store on Carroll Island Road in Baltimore for stealing Viagra and Suboxone.
3. As a result of the theft, the Applicant was criminally charged with four counts of theft/CDS manufacture. On October 8, 2009, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, the Applicant pled guilty to Count 1, CDS Manufacture/Distribute-

Narcotic from 3/1/09-6/11/09, and was found guilty. She was sentenced to incarceration for one year, all of which was suspended; placed on supervised probation for 18 months; and, ordered to pay court costs and probation fee through the Probation Department. The other counts were nolle prossed.

4. As set forth above, the Applicant violated the Act and should be denied a registration as a Pharm Tech.
5. As set forth above, the Applicant is not of good moral character and should be denied a registration as a Pharm Tech.

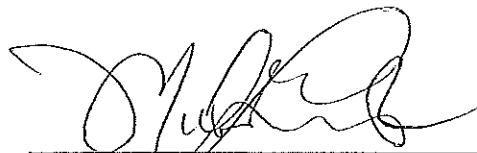
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Facts, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated its Act and that the revocation is warranted, pursuant to § 12-6B-09 and § 10-226 (c) (1) of the APA.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-316 (2009 Repl. Vol.) and the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-201, *et seq.*, (2009 Repl. Vol.) you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the aforesaid authority.

10-20-10
Date



Michael N. Souranis, P.D., President
Maryland Board of Pharmacy